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SUBJECT: PRESS STATEMENT OF 16TH MEETING OF SECURITY
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF THE PRESS STATEMENT TO BE
RELEASED JULY 8 AT 4:15 LOCAL TIME FOLLOWING
CONCLUSION OF THE SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE SECURITY
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

1. THE SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE SECURITY CONSULTATIVE
COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON JULY 8, 1976 AT THE MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

ATTENDING THE MEETING FOR JAPAN WERE MR. KIICHI MIYAZAWA,
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND MR. MICHITA SAKATA, DIRECTOR-
GENERAL OF THE DEFENSE AGENCY. ATTENDING FOR THE UNITED STATES
WERE MR. JAMES D. HODGSON, AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN, AND ADMIRAL
NOEL GAYLER, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, UNITED STATES FORCES,
PACIFIC. MEMBERS OF THEIR STAFF WERE ALSO PRESENT.

2. THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE
INTERNATIONAL SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST IN WHICH JAPAN AND
THE UNITED STATES HAVE COMMON INTEREST.

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3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 4. OF THE JAPAN-U.S. JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE PRESS ISSUED ON THE OCCASION OF PRIME MINISTER MIKI'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD IN AUGUST 1975, AND IN VIEW OF THE MEETING HELD IN THAT MONTH BETWEEN MR. SAKATA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE DEFENSE AGENCY AND DR. SCHLESINGER, FORMER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, THE COMMITTEE RECOGNIZED IT NECESSARY TO CONDUCT STUDIES AND CONSULTATIONS ON THE SCOPE AND MODALITIES OF JAPAN-U.S. COOPERATION, INCLUDING ITS MILITARY ASPECTS, FOR THE EFFECTIVE ATTAINMENT OF THE PURPOSE OF THE SECURITY TREATY BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES AND ITS RELATED ARRANGEMENTS, AND ESTABLISHED THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE COOPERATION AS THIS COMMITTEE'S SUBORDINATE BODY. THE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE COOPERATION IS COMPOSED OF, ON THE JAPANESE SIDE, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE DEFENSE POLICY BUREAU, DEFENSE AGENCY, AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT STAFF, AND, ON THE U.S. SIDE, OF THE MINISTER, U.S. EMBASSY IN TOKYO AND THE CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES FORCES, JAPAN. THE SUBCOMMITTEE MAY, WHEN DEEMED NECESSARY, ALLOW THE ATTENDANCE OF APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS CONCERNED OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE WILL CONDUCT STUDIES AND CONSULTATIONS CONCERNING THE SCOPE AND MODALITIES OF JAPAN-U.S. COOPERATION, INCLUDING GUIDELINES FOR MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO ENSURE COORDINATED JOINT ACTIONS BY THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES AND THE U.S. FORCES AT THE TIME OF EMERGENCY. THE SUBCOMMITTEE WILL REPORT THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE STUDIES AND CONSULTATIONS TO THIS COMMITTEE.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE COOPERATION MAY, WHEN DEEMED NECESSARY, ESTABLISH PANELS AS ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE STUDY CONFERENCE BETWEEN SELF-DEFENSE FORCES AND THE UNITED STATES FORCES, JAPAN WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE NINTH MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE HELD ON DECEMBER 23, 1968 WILL BE ABOLISHED.

4. BOTH SIDES NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE SECURITY CONSULTATIVE GROUP, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN JANUARY 1973, HAS BEEN FUNCTIONING SMOOTHLY AND EXPRESSED THEIR INTENTIONS TO CONTINUE TO PROMOTE ACTIVELY CONSULTATIONS THROUGH THE GROUP.

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THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED THE PLAN FOR REALIGNMENT AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE UNITED STATES FORCES FACILITIES AND AREAS IN OKINAWA PREFECTURE WHICH WAS ENDORSED AT THE FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE SECURITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. AS A RESULT, BOTH SIDES AFFIRMED THEIR INTENTIONS TO MAKE CONTINUED EFFORTS FOR SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN, NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THAT RELEASES OF THE FACILITIES AND

AREAS CATEGORIZED AS "FACILITIES AND AREAS FOR RELEASE WITHOUT RELOCATION" HAVE BEEN REALIZED TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT AND THAT MOST OF THE FACILITIES AND AREAS CATEGORIZED AS "FACILITIES AND AREAS, RELEASE OF WHICH WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF FURTHER DISCUSSION" HAVE BEEN RELEASED WITHOUT RELOCATION.

THE COMMITTEE WELCOMED THAT, IN ADDITION TO CAMP BOONE, ZUKERAN COMMUNICATION SITE AND CAMP MERCY WHICH WERE RELEASED

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WITHOUT RELOCATION, THE U.S. SIDE HAS AGREED TO THE UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF KASHIJI ARMY ANNEX TO THE JAPANESE SIDE. ALL OF THOSE FACILITIES AND AREAS WERE ORIGINALLY LISTED AS "FACILITIES AND AREAS FOR RELEASE CONTINGENT UPON AGREEMENT ON RELOCATION ARRANGEMENTS AND ON THEIR IMPLEMENTATION".

6. THE COMMITTEE ALSO STUDIED AND ENDORSED THE ATTACHED PLAN FOR REALIGNMENT AND CONSOLIDATION OF FACILITIES AND AREAS IN OKINAWA PREFECTURE WHICH HAS BEEN DEVELOPED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DESIRES OF THE PEOPLE OF OKINAWA PREFECTURE OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, THROUGH CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED OF JAPAN AND THE UNITED

STATES.

7. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED CURRENT LABOR MATTERS RELATING TO THE UNITED STATES FORCES, JAPAN. BOTH SIDES AGREED UPON THE NECESSITY OF CONTINUED COOPERATION ON THE BASIS OF A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING IN ORDER TO SOLVE LABOR PROBLEMS AT ISSUE, PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATED TO WAGES AND OTHER LABOR CONDITIONS.

8. THE COMMITTEE CONFIRMED THAT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INVOLVING UNITED STATES FACILITIES AND AREAS IS A MATTER OF UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPORTANCE IN WHICH BOTH SIDES HAVE COMMON INTEREST, AND AGREED ON THE NEED TO CONTINUE TO MAKE BEST EFFORTS TO ENSURE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

LIST OF THE UNITED STATES FORCES FACILITIES AND
AREAS IN OKINAWA PREFECTURE
TO BE REALIGNED AND CONSOLIDATED

1. FACILITIES AND AREAS FOR RELEASE WITHOUT RELOCATION

(1) NORTHERN TRAINING AREA

(A PART OF PORTION SOUTH OF PREFECTURAL
NAGO-KUNIGAMI LINE)

(2) CAMP SCHWAB

(A PART OF PORTION ALONG NATIONAL HIGHWAY 329)

(3) CAMP HANSEN

(A PART OF SLOPE PORTION ON THE EAST CHINA
SEA SIDE)

(4) ARMY POL DEPOT

(MAJOR PORTION BETWEEN KADENA-CHO AND
YOMITAN-SON)

2. FACILITIES AND AREAS FOR RELEASE CONTINGENT UPON
AGREEMENT ON RELOCATION ARRANGEMENTS AND ON THEIR
IMPLEMENTATION

(1) IE JIMA AUXILIARY AIRFIELD (TOTAL RELEASE)

(2) YAEDAKE COMMUNICATION SITE

(PORTION ON SOUTH SIDE)

(3) CAMP SCHWAB

(ACCESS ROAD FROM HENOKO RIVER AND A PART OF
WESTERN PORTION ADJACENT TO THE ACCESS ROAD)

(4) KADENA AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA
(PORTION ON SOUTH-WEST CORNER)

(5) YOMITAN AUXILIARY AIRFIELD
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(PORTION EAST OF RUNWAY)

(6) TORII COMMUNICATION SITE
(RELAY STATION AREA REMAINING IN THE
ALREADY RELEASED PORTION)

(7) CAMP ZUKERAN
(EASTERN PORTION ALONG NATIONAL HIGHWAY 58)

(8) ARMY POL DEPOT
(MAJOR PORTION BETWEEN NAHA-SHI AND GINOWAN-SHI
AND MAJOR PORTION OF PIPELINE AREA BETWEEN
CHATAN-SON AND GUSHIKAWA-SHI)
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